

**Amendments to the Claims**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) A topical composition comprising water, approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine and at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid wherein:

the composition has a pH of about 3.5 to about 4.1; and

the composition is prepared by a process comprising:

(a) dissolving about 10% to about 50% of the ascorbic acid in water at a temperature of between about 60°C to about 90°C to provide an aqueous ascorbic acid solution of at least 20% (w/v);

(b) cooling the aqueous ascorbic acid solution to below about 40°C;

(c) combining the aqueous ascorbic acid solution with water, glucosamine, and ascorbic acid to provide a composition comprising water, approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine and at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid; and

(d) adjusting the pH of the composition to about 3.5 to about 4.1.

26. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein the composition has a pH of about 3.8 to about 4.0 and the pH is adjusted to about 3.8 to about 4.0 in step (d).

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 25 ~~4~~, wherein the ascorbic acid is present in an amount of about 15% to about 25% (w/v) of the composition.

29. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 25 ~~4~~, wherein the ascorbic acid is present in an amount of about 15% (w/v) of the composition.

30. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 25 ~~4~~, wherein the water is distilled or deionized water.

31-38. (Canceled)